

The House voted to include on the floor an amendment offered by Representative MICA that stripped hundreds of millions of dollars out of the Transportation Security Administration's budget and an amendment offered by Representative ROKITA that limits the collective bargaining rights of TSA employees. These amendments will devastate morale among the TSA workforce and, by slashing TSA's resources, will make Americans less safe.

I will monitor the progress of this bill in the Senate and conference. I am hopeful that future changes and improvements will give me a chance to vote on a more acceptable alternative.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SMALL
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RE-
GION III EXPORTER OF THE
YEAR, MS. EILEEN MELVIN

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Eileen Melvin, a crafty business woman in Johnstown, PA who was recently honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In 2008, Ms. Melvin joined the board of directors of United Metal Fabricators, a producer of exam room equipment for the healthcare market. Her roots in the company lie much deeper as her father had worked as a legal advisor to the company 20 years earlier.

In transitioning to UMF, Ms. Melvin saw an organization that held onto the ideals of good craftsmanship, but failed to keep pace with the technological and manufacturing advances of the day. She saw potential for a strong company in a global market that was craving quality American made healthcare goods.

With her ascension to board president and CEO in 2009, Ms. Melvin worked to introduce technological advances into processing and sales, while still maintaining the quality craftsmanship and workforce UMF is known for. She has also worked to introduce UMF products around the world.

Throughout her tenure on the board, UMF has seen a 62 percent increase in their exports. Ms. Melvin's immense exporting in Saudi Arabia has also led to her participating in a Trade Mission to the country. UMF products are now being utilized in hospitals around the world.

Ms. Melvin helped a struggling company become a major exporter in the Johnstown region. For her accomplishments, she has been recognized as the Small Business Administration's local and Region III Exporter of the Year. Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to honor Ms. Melvin and her contributions to America's share in the global economic market.

A NATION'S GRATITUDE FOR THE
SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF
CAPTAIN JOSEPH W. SCHULTZ

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week our nation learned that Capt. Joseph W. Schultz died May 29, 2011 while on a mounted patrol when the vehicle he and his Special Forces team were traveling in struck an IED in the Wardak Province, Afghanistan. He was born March 20, 1975 and grew up in Sacramento, California and graduated from El Camino High School in 1993. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1997 and received his commission as an intelligence officer from Officer Candidate School in 2003.

His first assignment was to 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, PIR, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. He then served as the assistant battalion intelligence officer and as a rifle platoon leader in Company A, 1-504 PIR. Upon completion of his tour with the 1-504 PIR, he then went on to serve as the counterintelligence/human intelligence operations manager for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division; and later as the G-2 advisor, 10th Iraqi Army Division.

After completing Special Forces Selection and Assessment, he graduated from Special Forces Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, NC. Upon graduation and receiving his green beret, Schultz was assigned to Co. C, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) where he served as the Detachment Commander of Special Forces Operational Detachment—Alpha 3333. Schultz deployed in support of various operations across the globe, including: Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq and this deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with Company C.

His military education includes: the Military Intelligence Officer Course, Infantry Captain Career Course, Defense Strategic Debriefing Course, Airborne School, Ranger School, and the Special Forces Qualification Course.

Schultz's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with one campaign star; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Overseas Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Combat Infantryman Badge and Parachutists Badge. He also wore the Special Forces Tab and the Ranger Tab.

Prior to his military career, Schultz worked for California Governor Gray Davis and later the U.S. State Department, where he was assigned to the Middle East desk.

Capt. Schultz is survived by his mother Betsy Reed Schultz of Port Angeles, Washington. Condolences from our nation to his family, friends and fellow service members who mourn his loss.

HONORING TENNESSEE STATE
TROOPER ANDY WALL

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to pay tribute to the life of Tennessee State Trooper Andy Wall. Trooper Wall was killed tragically in service to the state of Tennessee while escorting the United States Air Force Thunderbirds to the Great Tennessee Air Show.

At the age of 36, he had already served the community and our state for many years. He began his law enforcement career as a patrolman with the city of Dickson Police Department. After graduating from the Tennessee Highway Patrol Training Academy in 2004, he eagerly began his job as a Tennessee State Patrolman. His father, former sheriff for Dickson County Tom Wall, said "his son always aspired to be a trooper so that he could serve all the citizens of Tennessee." His friends frequently remember his laugh and smile as one that would brighten an entire room.

It is with great honor and respect that I salute Tennessee State Trooper Andy Wall. Emergency personnel are asked all the time to place their lives on the line. Trooper Wall made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the state he loved. The life of Andy Wall will always be remembered by the love of his family, friends, and colleagues. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Please join me in saluting the life and service of Tennessee State Trooper Andy Wall.

KIDNEY ACTION DAY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me on June 11, 2011, in recognizing Kidney Action Day in the District of Columbia to raise awareness of chronic kidney disease and of the importance of early detection and treatment.

Over 31 million Americans suffer from chronic kidney disease, but many people are unaware that they may be at risk. In the District, there are nearly 6,000 people on dialysis and 1,600 people on the kidney transplant waiting list. Not only does the District have the highest rate of kidney disease in the nation, kidney disease is the 13th leading cause of death here. In areas of the city that are heavily populated with minorities, the rate of kidney disease is double the national average.

Since chronic kidney disease can go undetected for years, people are urged to get screened for it, either through blood or urine tests. Early stage kidney disease can be treated with medications, healthy eating and exercise. I cannot stress enough the importance of early detection and treatment of kidney disease, which, if undetected, can lead to diabetes and hypertension, which, in turn, increase the risk of heart attacks, strokes, and heart-related deaths. As chronic kidney disease progresses, patients may require dialysis, which

helps clean the bloodstream of toxic waste, or a kidney transplant.

On June 11, 2011, I will attend the American Kidney Fund's "Steps that Count" walk at Nationals Park here to raise awareness of kidney disease and to call on the residents of the District to get screened for it. I ask the House to join me on June 11, 2011, to recognize Kidney Action Day in the District of Columbia and to urge Americans to get screened for kidney disease.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL EDWARD
PERKINS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with heart-felt sadness that I note the recent passing of

Mr. Michael Edward Perkins, a well known athlete and martial arts expert from Saraland, Alabama.

Michael Perkins passed away May 14, 2011, after fighting a constant battle with cystic fibrosis since infancy. He was only 27.

He was known around the community as a devoted and inspiring husband to his wife, Kellee Jones Perkins, and a proud father to their infant daughter, Piper Catherine.

Michael will be remembered in so many ways. Not only did he love being outdoors and enjoying other recreational activities, he received a Black Belt in two different martial arts.

He also donated much time helping teach children at Cottage Hill Baptist Church, and will be remembered as an encouraging, buoyant young man. Everyone who knew Michael has an inspiring or humorous story they can retell.

Even when Michael was extremely ill, he never let his own problems affect his otherwise positive outlook on life and he was always bending over backwards for family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, all who knew Michael personally will surely miss him, and South Alabama has truly lost a beloved member of the community. Michael Perkins was inspiration to young and old alike.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to extend my condolences to his wife, Kellee, and their daughter, Piper Catherine, for their loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.